

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 27, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Franchise Extension Agreement Between the City and Adelphia Cable Communications**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an extension of the current Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City and Adelphia Cable Communications through December 31, 2004.

SUMMARY:

The current Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City and Adelphia Cable Communications expired on March 10, 2003. This agreement was extended for one year by City Council, with the extension expiring March 10, 2004. The City had decided to temporarily delay negotiations with Adelphia to renew the current franchise agreement because of concerns about Adelphia's ability to perform all of the terms of a franchise agreement. The City and Adelphia feel they are in a position to begin discussions to renew the Cable Television Franchise. However, it is anticipated that negotiations could take between six and nine months. As such, it is recommended that the current franchise be extended again until the end of 2004 to allow sufficient time to complete negotiations and to ensure a franchise agreement is in place during the negotiations.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

- On March 10, 1988, the City entered into a Cable Television Franchise Agreement through March 10, 2003.
- On January 28, 2003, City Council decided to temporarily delay the renewal of the Franchise Agreement.
- On March 25, 2003, City Council approved a twelve month Franchise Extension Agreement between the City and Adelphia Cable Communications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT(S):

Walter Erwin at 455-3973 or Mike Goetz at 455-6002.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.

REVIEWED BY: lkp

BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Lynchburg hereby approves an extension of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City and Adelphia Cable Communications until December 31, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Franchise Extension Agreement on behalf of the City.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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